

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**[APPROVAL BY MAIL]: BANGLADESH: POWER SYSTEM EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT – ADDITIONAL FINANCING- OFF GRID SOLAR PV: SOLAR IRRIGATION  
(ADB)(SREP)- XSREBD064A**

**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM UNITED STATES**

(1) The solar pumps are expected to replace existing diesel pumps. Retirement and management via recycling to the maximum extent possible are part of the environmental management plan for the project.

(2) Yes, the project will have a capacity building component. The PMC will be responsible for capacity building of the BREB, PBS team and farmers. It will arrange operation and maintenance (O&M) training during project implementation and ownership transfer, a regular technical training for central and field teams, field training on security maintenance, local operation, inventory management, basic machine maintenance and software browsing for each farmer's community.

(3) The Ashuganj power plant was confirmed as ADB Environment Category A. Under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 individual components or outputs can have different categories but the overall project category is determined based on the most sensitive component or output. The solar irrigation output has minimal environmental impacts, and the impacts are predictable and manageable.

(4) There are no local content requirements.